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***Via Email to 72551-96670949@requests.muckrock.com***

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Re: Your Public Records Request (#19-068)

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing in response to your June 4, 2019 email, which was a follow up to this Office's denial of your May 3, 2019 public records request. In your May 3<sup>rd</sup> request, you asked for copies of "all email, calendar invites, text messages, instant messages, or memos sent, written, or received between January 1, 2017 and April 30, 2019" to or from any AGO employee and a list of 102 individuals, departments and/or organizations. On May 17, 2019 this Office properly denied your request, as it was overly broad and did not provide sufficient information to allow us to identify responsive records based on the way records are kept. Further, this Office advised you how we organize our records, provided to you our retention schedules, and offered to assist you in revising your request.

In your June 4, 2019 response to the denial you did not revise your request, but stated "[t]hese searches should be able to be done on a central email server or contract/document server." But, as set forth in the Office's original denial letter, Ohio law requires that a public records requestor specify the records he or she seeks so that the public office can identify responsive records based on the manner in which it ordinarily maintains and accesses the public records it keeps. *State ex rel. Zauderer v. Joseph*, 62 Ohio App.3d 752 (10th Dist. 1989). The records of the Ohio Attorney General's Office are organized by service division and by case name. Your suggestion as to where this Office can find records does not identify the service division or case name relative to which you are seeking records, nor does it provide any clarification of your request.

Once again, if you would like to identify a case name or topic, rather than the location where you believe this Office could look for records, we will be happy to work with you to revise your request. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this response, or in the even you would like to revise your request, please feel free to contact the Public Records Unit at (614) 466-2872.

Very respectfully yours,

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cc: MacKenzie S. Clayton, Paralegal, Public Records Unit